



To Carol Campbell/R8/USEPA/US@EPA  
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Subject Re: EPA visit to Libby on October 22 and DEQ Job Profile

> On 11/2/09 6:13 PM, "Campbell.Carol@epamail.epa.gov"

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> <Campbell.Carol@epamail.epa.gov> wrote:  
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>> I said I would get you a response in a week. We are working on a  
>> response to you and you will get it next week. And who is we- if you  
> and  
>> I am having a phone conversation and there is more than you and I on  
>> the phone, I expect you to be courteous and tell me. cc  
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>> Carol L. Campbell, Assistant Regional Administrator  
>> Office of Ecosystems Protection and Remediation  
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>> 303-312-6071(fax)  
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>> FilmWest  
>> <filmwest@gmail  
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>> Carol Campbell/R8/USEPA/US@EPA  
>> 11/02/2009  
> cc  
>> 05:04 PM  
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> Subject  
>> Re: EPA visit to Libby on October  
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>> We heard you ask if Tuesday was ok, did not hear a week from Tuesday.  
>> Maybe it was missed.  
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>> There is one concern that should encourage a same day response:  
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>> We all know tremolite is deadly. We know a superfund cleanup yard  
> ( base  
>> camp/headquarters) managing that tremolite is operating in a school  
> zone  
>> and residential area near various businesses. We know equipment and  
>> trucks from that yard are used daily in the cleanup and handling the  
>> tremolite.  
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>> REGARDLESS OF HOW MANY TIMES THIS CONTAMINATED EQUIPMENT IS  
>> "WASHED DOWN WITH WATER"--- IS IT WORTH THE RISK TO FUNCTION INSIDE A  
>> NEIGHBORHOOD?  
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>> Can someone just answer that question tomorrow? Yes or no.  
>> Should be a quick response. You can have them each email a yes or no.  
>> I don't care about the explanations, just a yes or no.  
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>> Then, please have them put a plan together ( perhaps with other
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>> agencies) with how to make restitution to these neighbors who are now  
>> experiencing the physical effects of this careless effort with  
> seemingly  
>> no real protection, oversight or inspection.

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>> On 11/2/09 5:02 PM, "Campbell.Carol@epamail.epa.gov" <

>> Campbell.Carol@epamail.epa.gov> wrote:

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>>> I said a week- and since we talked Friday, 10/30, that means at least  
>>> until the 6th. I talked to my staff today as this is the first time  
>>> since the snow that everyone is in and told them we had a week to get  
>>> the response together which makes it the 9th.

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Carol Campbell/R8/USEPA/US@EPA

11/02/2009

12:08 PM

Re: EPA visit to Libby on

22 and DEQ Job Profile

>>> You indicated I would hear from you tomorrow 11/3---did that change?

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>>> On 11/2/09 12:54 PM, "Campbell.Carol@epamail.epa.gov"

>>> <Campbell.Carol@epamail.epa.gov> wrote:

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>>> We are working on your budget request. I have asked my staff to  
> look

>>> into all of the issues you raised with me over the phone and I will  
> be

>>> getting back to you by 11/9. You should contact the State of  
> Montana

>>> for your issues with Catherine. Sandi Olsen at 406-841-5001, email

>>> solsen@state.mt.us is in charge of the DEQ's Remediation Division

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>>> Catherine is employed in.. cc

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Carol Campbell/R8/USEPA/US@EPA

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Re: EPA visit to Libby on

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Do you want future budget or money spent to date or both  
Sent by EPA Wireless E-Mail Services

>>> From: FilmWest [filmwest@gmail.com]

>>> Sent: 10/31/2009 09:55 AM MST

>>> To: Carol Campbell

>>>> Subject: Re: EPA visit to Libby on October 22 and DEQ Job  
>>> Profile  
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>>>> I have requested a copy of the budget several times. How do we  
>>> get  
>>>> one?  
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>>>> Sent from my iPhone  
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>>>> On Oct 28, 2009, at 4:16 PM, Campbell.Carol@epamail.epa.gov  
>>> wrote:  
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>>>> Thanks for the email. I am looking into this  
>>>> Sent by EPA Wireless E-Mail Services  
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>>>> From: FilmWest [filmwest@gmail.com]  
>>>> Sent: 10/28/2009 02:35 PM MST  
>>>> To: "LeCours, Catherine" <clecours@mt.gov>; Carol  
>>> Campbell;  
>>>> Robert Ward; Cory Rumple  
>>>> Cc: Andy Lensink  
>>>> Subject: Re: EPA visit to Libby on October 22 and DEQ  
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>>>> On 10/28/09 1:01 PM, "FilmWest" <filmwest@gmail.com <  
>>>> mailto:filmwest@gmail.com> > wrote:  
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>>>> Catherine,  
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>>>> I have spoken to numerous officials and  
>>>> representatives during the past few weeks in an  
>>> effort  
>>>> to get the right attention to these concerns in  
>>> Libby  
>>>> as swiftly as possible.  
>>>> I have experienced everything from neglect and no  
>>>> return phone calls, to a growing number of people  
>>> who  
>>>> have seen the facts and express the same concerns  
>>> both  
>>>> inside and outside the agencies. None of these  
>>>> conversations caused more concern than the one I  
>> had  
>>>> with you yesterday. I hope it was a complete  
>>> accident,  
>>>> and uncommon for your office. The only way I can  
>>>> describe it, is : chilling.  
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>>>> Because you are a site manager, but stated you had  
>>> not  
>>>> recently been on site, you heard every detail we  
>>> could  
>>>> think to relate to you about what is happening in  
>>>> Libby. You know that people have already died from  
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issues and other symptoms. I told you I had

four people die this past year from exceptionally

auto immune diseases and my growing awareness of various others. I indicated after researching

studies linking asbestos exposure to auto immune disease this past week, I realized the numbers

add up ( all four diseases are contracted by one

millions, one of the disorders is contracted by 1

10,000,000 another 1 in 30,000,000, etc--- Libby's population is less than 5,000) I now think there

be some correlation to their exposure to the

in Libby. I communicated this to a Specialist at Oregon Health and Sciences University who seems to concur. You can do your own research and draw the

conclusions. The studies and information are voluminous.

I never gave it a second thought before, never

connection at all. Then, a few weeks ago, while visiting Montana and Glacier park, I began experiencing the dust. It was dust in blankets,

in soft moving clouds, dust in gritty spritzes, sometimes just dust. But, it was constant and did

let up. The noise and movement in that cleanup headquarters yard was constant and exhaustive. I

not believe what I was seeing and hearing, but

all feeling. I went over to the headquarters. I

originally thought it was wonderful when I heard

had more help, more efforts committed. Nothing

have prepared me for those 'efforts'.

All we could think about were the blatantly

imminent safety concerns, and thought, 'How and is this happening?' and 'Who is allowing this and making these decisions?'

I then started reaching out to anyone who was in a decision making capacity that could hear these concerns and see what we were seeing.

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You heard and saw and your response was chilling.  
 expressed absolutely no concern. You seemed inconvenienced.  
 It was all about you. Your job. The way you do job. The way you see this. Your efforts to qualify concerns.  
 But you are not there. You stated more than once have never been there. You are not breathing the deadly dust.  
 Your comments during our communication prompted a request for a copy of your job description so we better understand the agency structures.  
 ( a portion of your job description is pasted  
  
 This position is relied upon to identify and unacceptable public health and environmental risks to hazardous substance releases; therefore, and sound judgment are essential.  
 Field work includes site data collection, or inspection activities. Travel and field investigations may involve long working hours, weather, potential exposure to hazardous and arduous physical activity.  
 Management and Supervision of Others:  
 Identification of need, and as necessary,  
  
 private consultants and contractors  
 How can you inspect and/or collect data, identify reduce public health and environmental risks if  
  
 not REGULARLY go to the sites?  
 How can you direct the contractors? The  
  
 base camp seems to be the obvious first place to  
  
 Why have you NEVER been there?  
 You stated the concerns I expressed had nothing to  
  
 with you and were not your responsibility.  
 All of these same concerns are referenced in your  
  
 description as absolutely your responsibility.

>>>> You indicated you had not visited any of the  
 >> cleanup sites in Libby last week after traveling 5-6 hours  
 >>>> get there from Helena. When I asked you why the  
 >>>> cleanup headquarters is based in a school zone,  
 >>>> residential area near the communities food sources  
 >>> and hotels, you stated you have never been onsite at  
 >> the headquarters and didn't know where it was. When I  
 >>>> asked you 'Isn't that part of your responsibility  
 >> as Manager?' You said, 'No' I stressed over and  
 >>>> over a concern that you look at things more carefully in  
 >>>> Libby. That you please get involved. And  
 > referenced the people. You were unmoved. I have sensed this  
 >>>> from other representatives as well, but your response  
 >>>> was deafening.  
 >>>> I hope by today you have re-thought your position.  
 >>>> do not know you, nor do I wish to make personal  
 >>>> slights. This is not about you, only the way you  
 > do your job and the people who depend upon you for  
 >>>> their safety, and maybe ultimately their lives. No  
 > amount of power or bureaucracy is worth people losing their  
 >>>> of lives over. I urge you to see this differently, to  
 >>>> affect immediate change everywhere you can in a  
 > way that benefits people. Forget yourself. Do it for  
 >>>> the people.  
 >>>> I silently hope that each of you put all meetings  
 >>>> on hold and facilitate action. Stop the cleanup until  
 >>>> it is safe. In it's current state, the cleanup has  
 >>>> very possibly further endangered people. It has very  
 >>>> possibly simply exacerbated a very serious  
 > problem. Many of the hazards are unknown, and it is  
 >>>> understandable that there has been an effort made  
 >> to get rid of this dangerous material but it is a  
 >>>> waste of precious resources, time and money unless it is  
 >>>> done right. Most importantly, there is a growing  
 >>>> concern that unless immediate changes are made you have and are



>>>> INCREASING THE RISK to the people. Please, make it  
>>>> stop until it is safe.

>>>> It potentially would have been safer to leave this  
>>>> material in walls and ceilings than to blow it out  
>>>> into the environment through damaged equipment and  
>>>> drag it through town on contaminated trucks and

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>>>> equipment. Now they are operating at night, under
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>>>> cover of darkness. In a school zone and
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>>>>      area? Do I really have to be the one asking these
>>>>      questions? Would you allow this in your
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>> neighborhood
>>> where your children go to school?
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>>>> I urge you to please consider these citizens as
>>>> though
>>>> they were your own family. Maybe that will help
>>>> facilitate better decisions. Every good thing you
>>>> have
>>>> done or will do will be appreciated.
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>>>> Sincerely,

>>>> Michelle Hartly

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>>>> On 10/28/09 6:48 AM, "LeCours, Catherine" <
>>>> clecours@mt.gov <mailto:clecours@mt.gov> > wrote:
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>>>> Ms. Hartley,

>>>> In response to our phone conversation of  
>>>> yesterday, attached please find the job

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>>>> for my position with the State of Montana.
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>>>> Below please find the Western News article  
>>>> summarizing the purpose of Mr. Stanislaus'

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>>>> to Libby last week.
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>>>> Thank you for your interest in the Libby  
>>>> Asbestos Superfund Site.

>>>> Catherine LeCours  
>>>> Montana DEQ  
>>>> (406) 841-5040

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>>>>          EPA's No. 2 visits Superfund site in
>> Libby
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>>>>          The EPA's Victor Ketellapper, from left,
>> Mike
>>>>          Cirian and Mathy Stanislaus discuss
>> Superfund
>>>>          issues on Thursday at the former export
>> plant
>>>>                      site in Libby.
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>>>>          By Canda Harbaugh, The Western News
>>>>          The City-County Health Board meeting in
> Libby
>>>>          Thursday featured a top Environmental
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Agency official that embraced the theme of increasing the EPA's transparency,

and cooperation with the community.

Mathy Stanislaus, assistant administrator

the EPA's Office of Solid Waste and

Response, took charge of the nation's

sites after being confirmed to the position

June.

He took a tour of some of the site's

units last week and participated in the

to get a feel for the community's concerns.

'I very much come from a perspective of communities having a strong role in the decisions of government,' Stanislaus said.

really impressed on my staff that we provide access and transparency in a way that communities can participate effectively

all of the decisions that we make.'

Allan Payne, an attorney helping the City of Libby through the Superfund process, complimented Stanislaus on his environmental justice work and one of his past speeches

emphasized community involvement.

'That's critical for this community,' Payne said. 'Those are uplifting words for us.

are very powerful things and I know that

substance behind those.'

Though board members spoke in congenial

they described their frustration with the

and the Superfund process.

Concerns included:

€ Asbestos cleanup occurring before the

of toxicity studies.

€ Toxicity studies using old science and not integrating childhood exposures.

€ Institutional controls and the financial

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burden that could potentially be left with government once the EPA declares the site

- € Bureaucracy and perceived political dictating decisions.
- € Distrust produced from the EPA not the community in the process.
- € Challenges associated with the negative national attention stemming from the Libby being a Superfund site.

3It was a good listening session for Mathy hear the concerns directly from the said John Konzen, county commissioner and City-County Health Board chair. 3I thought listened and asked some good questions.2

Brad Black, county health officer and at the Center for Asbestos Related Disease, asked how the EPA could implement Records of Decision and perform cleanups without the risk level associated with Libby asbestos. The former screening plant and city-owned former export plant are scheduled have RODs early next year.

3Certainly now as we're talking about moving from emergency removal to remediation, this where we start setting standards of Black said. 3We've been talking about RODs, yet in our mind, we're saying, €Look, we have a baseline risk assessment - how in the world are we going to clean it up right?12

Stanislaus said that toxicity studies will continue to be a priority, but in the the exposure path must be broken as soon as possible.

3In terms of the short-term stuff, what we

[illegible]

to do is prevent exposure,<sup>2</sup> Stanislaus said.

I look forward to hearing your comments on do we make sure we prevent exposure, while being clear that we have to move forward on science.<sup>2</sup>

Leroy Thom, vice president of CARD's board directors, described his feeling that in the past few years the EPA has shut down involvement. He said it appeared to be a decision made at the Region 8 Denver office in Washington D.C. on a national level.

<sup>3</sup>I've seen a change in the attitude of EPA it (Libby Superfund site) began,<sup>2</sup> Thom said. <sup>3</sup>When it was first here, they were very accommodating, more than willing to go the step, were more than interested in getting right than what I think is going on right

Stanislaus emphasized to the board and to hold him and his office accountable and reach him if there is a problem.

Lisa Jackson, administrator for the EPA, promised the U.S. Senate in January that confirmation to the agency's top position, would visit the Libby Superfund site and consider declaring a public health

She made the declaration in June and though has not made the visit to Libby herself, Stanislaus was considered a show of

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>>>> "We did not come here to fear the future, we  
>>>> came here to shape it."  
>>>> ---President Barack Obama to Joint  
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